



SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SAN JOSÉ CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS PLAN

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco (1:50), Davis, Diep, Jimenez (1:43), Jones, Khamis, T. Nguyen, Peralez (1:41), Rocha (1:48); Liccardo.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle; Deputy City Manager, David Sykes; City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow; Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh; Assistant City Manager Environmental Services, Ashwini Kantak, and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments, and the Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, provided an introduction.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, dated February 8, 2017, providing a Community Choice Aggregation Overview. (2) San José Clean Energy Community Choice Aggregation Business Plan, dated February 6, 2017, prepared by EES Consulting, Inc.; (3) Presentation, “San José Clean Energy Business Plan, dated February 13, 2017. (4) Email correspondence, both dated February 10, 2017, from Richard Zahner, regarding San José Clean Energy initiative, and Ruth Merino, introducing the community group “San José Community Energy”.

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Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow provided an introduction and an overview of where we've been and our next steps. She noted that if the Council decides to move forward, the next step would be the foundation and development of the new utility, that in Fall or Winter 2017 we would prepare to launch and we would be in a position to begin providing electric utilities services to our community in early 2018.

Gary Saleba, President, EES Consulting continued with the San José Clean Energy Timeline, operational structure, business plan summary and recommendations.

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, followed up with options for San José, including operating as a single jurisdiction model or jointing an existing joint Powers agency (JPA).

The San José Clean Energy Timeline was discussed with Council, including next steps required.

Mayor Sam Liccardo presented concerns that solar and renewable prices over time will be flat, and questioned if there will be incentives in place to enable the City to keep up.

Director, Environmental Services, Kerrie Romanow, indicated the flexibility inherent with our portfolio options, noting that we could ride out economic challenges, and indicating that moving swiftly would offer a better outcome. Gary Saleba, President, EES Consulting responded to questions from Council.

Councilmember Donald Rocha left the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.


Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment: Offering support to the plan, comments and recommendations were Bruce Karney (Carbon Free Silicon Valley), Benjamin Foster, Mary Tucker, Richard Zahner; Michael Closson and Margaret Bruce (Center for Climate Protection); Julie Allingham (San José Community Energy); Stacy Levy, Linda Hutchins-Knowles and Anika Knowles (Mothers Out Front) and Michael Gross (Zanker Recycling/GreenWaste).

ADJOURNMENT

The Council of the City of San José adjourned the Special Session at 4:30 p.m.

Minute Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk